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# **Smart FET Protection Features**

# Agenda

- Current Limit
- Over Temperature Protection
- Over Voltage Protection
- ESD Protection
- Diagnostic Output
- High and Low Side Portfolio and Applications



# **SmartFET Capability**



SmartFET enables integration of analog circuit elements in Power MOSFET devices for cost effective solutions

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### **Smart FET Protection Features**



- ON Semiconductor's Smart FET's Feature 4 Main Protection Functions
  - Current Limit Protection
  - Over Temperature Protection
  - Overvoltage Protection
  - ESD Protection
- ON Semiconductor's High Side NCV8460 Adds Diagnostic Features
  - Open Load Detection



### **Current Limit Protection**



Figure 5. Simplified Current Limit Circuit

 Current from the Drain is mirrored into a smaller device anywhere from 1/200<sup>th</sup> to 1/1000<sup>th</sup> the size of the main power device

# **Current Limit Protection**



Figure 5. Simplified Current Limit Circuit

- The current through the smaller device develops a voltage across R<sub>s</sub>
- As V<sub>RS</sub> increases, a pulldown FET turns on, and pulls down on the voltage of the main power FET, which reduces output current

## **Current Limit Protection**



- The current limit will vary with temperature
- As can be seen above, as the device heats up, current limit decreases

#### **Over Temperature Protection**



Figure 8. Simplified Temperature Limit Shutdown Circuit

- On Semiconductor's Smart FET's include Over Temperature Protection, which shuts down the device when the temperature exceeds a predetermined threshold
- If the TSD structure indicates a high temperature, the T<sub>LIM</sub> Pulldown device pulls the voltage down on the main power device.

#### **Over Temperature Protection**



• A reference voltage is compared to the TSD structure, a diode structure, located in the die's 'hot spot'

#### **Over Temperature Protection**



Figure 9. NIF5002N Current Limit Expanded, Showing Thermal Cycling

- Once the TSD structure indicates the temperature has dropped, the pulldown device turns off, allowing the main power device to turn back on
- The typical hysteresis is 15 C

#### **Over Voltage Protection**





- A Gate to Drain Zener Clamp provides overvoltage protection
- The clamp allows the Gate to turn on, spreading the energy more evenly across the active area

# **Over Voltage Protection**



- Voltage across DUT is clamped during an inductive flyback event
- When the input is turned off, the voltage across DUT increases until it reaches the clamp level, typically around 45 V



#### **ESD** Protection



Figure 3. Simplified Input Circuit

- Back to Back diodes on the Gate pin clamp the voltage to 13 V
- This combined with the internal series resistance allow a minimum of 4000 V Human Body Model and 400 V Machine Model ESD capability
- The Source and Drain are inherently protected through the device structure itself

# **Diagnostics**

- The NCV8460 offers diagnostic features and a status pin
  - Normal Operation- Status Pin High



- Undervoltage-
  - Status Pin Undefined
  - Output Turns Off



# **Diagnostics**

- The NCV8460 offers diagnostic features and a status pin
  - Overvoltage
    - Status Pin Stays High
    - Output Shuts Off



- Over Temperature
  - Status Pin Goes Low
  - Output Turns Off



# **Diagnostics**

- The NCV8460 offers diagnostic features and a status pin
  - Open Load With External Pull Up
    - Input High- Status Pin Goes Low When Open Load Detected
    - Input Low- Status Pin Goes Low When Open Load Detected



- Open Load Without External Pull Up
  - Input High- Status Pin Goes Low When Open Load Detected
  - Input Low- Status Pin Stays High Regardless of Load Condition





# Potential Failure Modes and Mitigation Strategies

Potential Failure Mode	Mitigation
Insufficient gate drive during fault condition	<ul> <li>Increase current source/sink capability of gate drive circuit</li> <li>Increase gate drive voltage</li> </ul>
Excessive d∨/dt at drain	<ul> <li>Increase series gate resistance</li> <li>Filter or snubber circuits to eliminate fast edge transients</li> <li>Reduce supply voltage</li> </ul>
Excessive die temperature during SCIS operation	<ul> <li>Reduce load inductance</li> <li>Reduce circuit parasitic inductance</li> <li>Use lower clamp voltage device</li> <li>Use device with proper energy rating</li> <li>Decrease device duty cycle or frequency or both</li> <li>Use parallel devices</li> </ul>
Excessive die temperature during load dump or other transient event	<ul> <li>Increase load resistance</li> <li>Improve transient thermal response via better thermal pathway or larger silicon active area</li> <li>Use parallel devices</li> </ul>



### **ON Semiconductor Low Side Portfolio**

- NCV8401
  - 33 A Current Limit, 23 mOhm RDSOn, 42 V Clamp, and 175 C TSD
- NCV8402 and NCV8402 Dual
  - 2 A Current Limit, 165 mOhm RDSOn, 42 V Clamp, and 175 C TSD
- NCV8403
  - 15 A Current Limit, 53 mOhm RDSOn, 42 V Clamp, and 175 C TSD
- NCV8405
  - 6 A Current Limit, 90 mOhm RDSOn, 42 V Clamp, and 175 C TSD
- NCV8440
  - 95 mOhm RDSOn
  - 52 V Clamp Only, No TSD, or Current Limit
- NIMD6001 (Dual)
  - 110 mOhm RDSOn
  - No Clamp, TSD or Current Limit
  - Over Voltage Diagnostic Signal

### **Low Side Applications**

- Split Cooling Valve Sensor- NCV8403
  - The Drain is used to drive a heater resistor to control a thermostat
  - As the resistive load heats up, the thermostat heats up causing it to be over-ridden
  - A 3 k $\Omega$  gate resistor is used to slew the switching speed.



## **Low Side Applications**

- Lambda Sensor- NCV8403
  - A lambda sensor is a resistive load
  - The sensor measures the oxygen content in the exhaust gas
  - A 3 k $\Omega$  gate resistor is used to slew the switching speed





# **ON Semiconductor High Side Portfolio**

- NCV8450
  - Released
  - 1 A Current Limit, 1 Ohm RDSOn
  - No Diagnostic Features
  - Cross to BTS4140
  - Voltage Clamped to 45 V, 175 C TSD
- NCV8460
  - Currently in Design
  - Diagnostic Features
    - On State Open Load Detection
    - Off State Open Load Detection
    - Diagnostic Output
  - Under Voltage and Over Voltage Shutdown
  - 9 A Current Limit, 60 mOhm RDSOn
  - Cross to VN750
  - Voltage Clamped to 42 V, 175 C TSD

### **High Side Applications**

- Power Train Application- NCV8450
  - Evaporation Leak Detection Solenoid



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# **High Side Applications**

- Brake Light Application- NCV8450
  - Open Collector Hall Sensor Used to Drive NCV8450



# Conclusion

- ON Semiconductor's SmartFET offers 4 main protection functions
  - Current Limit
  - Over Temperature Protection
  - Over Voltage Protection
  - ESD Protection
- ON Semiconductors' new NCV8460 adds a Diagnostic Output Feature



# **For More Information**

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